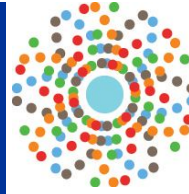




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PANEL DISCUSSION

LISTEN! A YOUTH PERSPECTIVE ON PREVENTING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Wednesday 26 September 2018
Roosevelt Hotel, 45 E 45th St, New York
2nd Floor, Sutton Suite
3:00-5:00 p.m.

AGENDA

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Welcome Coffee**

3:00 p.m. – 3:05 p.m. **Welcome Remarks**

Carol Bellamy, Chair of the Governing Board, GCERF

3:05 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Opening Remarks**

John Gatt-Rutter, Head of Counter-Terrorism Division, EU External Action Service (TBC)

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **Listen and Watch!**

Audio and video connections to youth participants in GCERF-funded programmes

Youth voice from Bangladesh, participant in GCERF-funded programme

Youth voice from Nigeria (via Skype), participant in GCERF-funded programme

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. **Learning from Youth**

Bjorn Ihler, Extremely Together Young Leader (Kofi Annan Foundation);
One Young World Ambassador, Norway

Omezzine Khelifa, Founder and President, Mobdi'un, Tunisia (TBC)

Lilla Schumicky-Logan, Grants Officer, GCERF

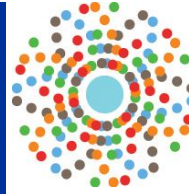
4:15 p.m. – 4:55 p.m. **Interventions from the Audience**

4:55 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

Khalid Koser, Executive Director, GCERF



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OVERVIEW

We invite you to join us for an interactive panel discussion, held on the margins of the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly, to listen to and learn from young people directly affected by and pushing back against violent extremism. The event is co-hosted by the European Union, the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF), and the Kofi Annan Foundation (KAF). The panel brings together young people to share their own stories about violent extremism, through presentations, a video, and a booklet, and invites all of us to reflect on what we can learn from them.

In 2018, GCERF in cooperation with civil society organisations in its partner countries of Bangladesh, Mali, and Nigeria, launched an essay competition asking youth participants in GCERF-funded programmes to answer the question “What can you do, as a young man or woman, to prevent violent extremism in your community?” Their responses are captured in the publication *Read! A Youth Perspective on Fighting Violent Extremism* and the short video *Watch! A Youth Perspective on Fighting Violent Extremism*, and we will also *Listen!* to the winners of the competition at the event.

Following the panel discussion, GCERF, KAF, and the youth participants will draft an open letter encouraging further funding for youth-led PVE efforts, and publish the highlights and recommendations of the discussion in a popular media outlet.

To attend, please **RSVP** to outreach@gcerf.org